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Raffle

Oscar Demille, Rockville, Ut/GF 5 cents
CES Co No 1, Hiawatha/GF 1 expldr
GF, 25 IT, Milford, Utah/GF 25 IT
Walnut, 62, E 2nd, So, Salt Lake/GF 5
Ward's Dairy, St. George, Ut/GF 1 Qt.

Next Meeting

The next club meeting will be held Thursday, August 24, at Fairmont Park. More details are contained elsewhere in this newsletter.

What's New

Club member Greg Manos, and his friend, Marvin Mitani, were recently screening at the Eureka dump (we won't tell you where exactly, but it was in an area without a lot of purple glass) and made a great find - a Smith & Williams saloon token from Bingham, Utah. It is an old aluminum piece, good for 5 cents in trade. It is the same as the one pictured in Harry's book. Congratulations Greg and Marvin!

Announcement

The Utah Antique Bottle and Relic Club will sponsor an antique bottle and collectibles show and sale Saturday, September 16 from 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. at the Northwest Multi-purpose center on 1300 W. 300 N. in Salt Lake City (this is just north of the Fair grounds). For table reservations or other information about the show call 278-2155.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's club picnic time already. The time for summer fun is getting short. I hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer and has found lots of tokens and other goodies with their detectors and screens. It's been a busy time for me, with a vacation in Antigua, several trips to the midwest for work and trying to make the club outings. The next club outing will be Goldfield, Nevada over the Labor Day weekend (2-4 September). Club members have been finding a lot of tokens at Goldfield.

July's speaker, Mrs. Ruth Matthews deserves a big thank you for her excellent presentation on the Donner Party wagon train. She had everyone's attention. The cooking pot she brought to the meeting was really heavy. It is one of the artifacts found out on the desert along the Donner Party trail. You wouldn't want to pack many of those because of the weight.

The speaker for September will be Mr. George Thompson, author of "Some Dreams Die," "Lost Treasures on the Old Spanish Trail," and co-author of "Treasure Mountain Home." George has a new book out on stagecoaches and that will be his subject for the September meeting. Don't miss it.

The NUTS club has really had good newsletter editors and good participation by the membership in providing articles for the Token Hunter. The editor has a big task each month in getting the articles from everyone, putting them all together, copying, addressing, and mailing the newsletter so that we receive it before the meeting. Norm Johnson has been doing a terrific job. Thanks Norm.

Byron

Goldfield, Nevada

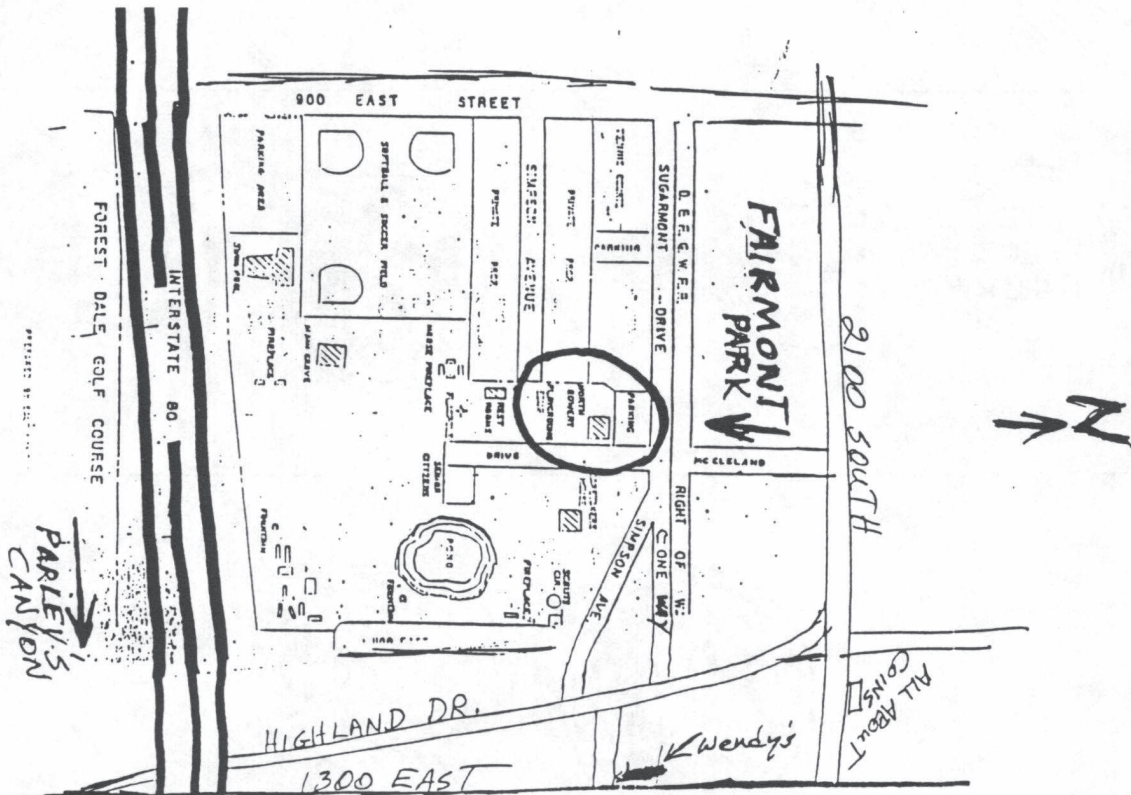
The NUTS trip on Labor day (Sept. 2-3-4; for details see Bill's Bull) is to the historic town of Goldfield, Nevada, where we hope to find lots of gold coins screening the town dump. Goldfield was discovered on Dec. 24, 1902, by 2 prospectors who came south from Tonapah. When they struck highgrade ore in Jan., 1904, the rush was on! Within months, over 8,000 money hungry fortune hunters had made their way to the desert of western Nevada to seek their fortune. By 1910 it was the largest town in Nevada with over 20,000 people. Fire and flood later took their toll, so that now it is a sleepy village of 300 residents. The fire of 1923 burned down over 60 square blocks of the town and what the fire did not get, a disastrous flood got 2 years later. All the rubble was bulldozed to the town dump, where it remains to this day for lucky fortune hunters to find all the golden goodies that were lost during the disasters.

We hope to see some of you down in the dumps on Labor Day. There are only 2 small motels in Goldfield, so you may want to get reservations, or you can stay in Tonapah, 40 miles to the north. The driving time is about 8 hours when going via Wendover & Ely. Call Bob for details.

I don't really have a lot to write about. For me, it's been too hot lately to do much detecting, and way too hot to do any screening. I have, however, heard of a real good screening find by one of our club members - a saloon token out of Bingham - way to go Greg! Also, my wife told me of a couple of other good finds in the way of gold, but I don't know exactly what they were. Maybe by meeting night I'll be able to tell you.

Stay Cool, Bill

The club picnic will be at the Fairmont Park (2250 South 900 East) North Bowery. To get there, take the 1300 East exit off interstate 80, turn left (North) on 1300 East and left again at 2240 South (next to Wendy's). The picnic will be a potluck dinner. The club will furnish the drinks and will have grills and charcoal available for barbecuing. Bring your own meat, dishes and utensils, and something to share with other members (salad, cake, etc.). See you there.



NAME:

THE CLUB

....Park City Utah

DESCRIPTION of token in collection.(25¢) type.

OBVERSE: THE CLUB. Filigree under THE. Beaded border is noted.
A holed drilled through(made for hanging)

REVERSE: GOOD FOR 25¢ IN TRADE. Beaded border. A ._. above and below 25¢.
A double dot(..) before and after 25¢.. Token is 24MM in size, and of White Metal .

DESCRIPTION of token in collection(50¢) type.

OBVERSE: THE CLUB. Filigree under THE. Beaded border around token.
A holed drilled through(made for hanging)

REVERSE: GOOD FOR 50¢ IN TRADE. Beaded border. A * before and a * after 50¢.
A filigree appears below the lettering THE.
Token is 30MM in size, and of brass metal.

DESCRIPTION of token in collection(\$1.00) type.

OBVERSE: THE CLUB. Filigree appears under the word THE. Beaded border is noted.
A holed drilled through(made for hanging)

REVERSE: GOOD FOR \$1.00 IN TRADE. A filigree above the \$1.00 sign, and a filigree below
the \$1.00 sign. Beaded border. Token is 35MM in size, and of brass metal.



NAME:

THE CLUB

.....Park City Utah

DESCRIPTION of token in collection.(\$5.00) type.

OBVERSE: THE CLUB. Filigree under thw word "THE". Beaded border is noted.
A holed drilled through(made for hanging).

REVERSE: GOOD FOR \$500 in Trade. Beaded border is noted.
Token is 24MM in size and made of brass metal.

DESCRIPTION of token in collection(\$10.00) type.

OBVERSE: THE CLUB Filigree under the word "THE". Beaded border.
A hole drilled through(made for hanging)
Token is 30MM in size, and of brass metal.



NAME:

THE CLUB:

....Park City Utah

REFERENCE: UTAH STATE GAZETTER(Listing of merchants of Park City)

THE CLUB: % Louis Dunn....Soft Drinks for 1927-1928.

THE CLUB: % Lee ~~W.~~ Hernon....Soft Drinks for 1930-31.

REFERENCE: Park City Receipt and License book(from 1910 to 1923)

THE CLUB:...for 1920.

NOTE: L.J.Hernon listed for the following years:...1921...1927...1928...1929...
1930...1931...1932....1933...1934.

NOTE:Louis Dunn listed for the following years:....1921-1922...1923...1924...
1925...1927...1928....

REFERENCE:Park City Telephone Directories.

CLUB, The...phone 263 for the following years:....1923...1924...1925....1926..1927...
1928....1929...1930...1931...1932...1933...1934....1935...1936...1937..

REFERENCE: Utah State Gazetter(listing of Soft Drink Parlors by towns in Utah)

CLUB, The.....1927-28....1930-31.

REFERENCE: PARK CITY RECORDER BOOK #8(from January 1918 to January 1930)

August 5, 1920.....L.J.Hernon and E.L.Clark application for license granted.
July 14, 1921...Special Meeting: License of L.J.Hernon to operate as a Soft Drink
Parlor, was revoked.

September 23, 1926....Soft Drink license issued to THE CLUB.

March 17, 1927...soft drink license issued to L.J.Hernon.

January 5, 1928...license issued to L.J.Hernon.

December 15, 1932..Merchant license issued to L.J.Hernon.

January 4, 1934...license issued to L.J.Hernon....455 Main...% THE CLUB.

License issued to L.J.Hernon on the following dates: 6-21-1934...12-20-1934...
3-21-1935....6-20-1935....9-19-1935..

NOTE: The following advertisement did appear in the Park Record, dating 10-20-1923.

THE CLUB...Louis Dunn, Prop.

Cigars...tobacco..Soft Drinks.

NAME:

THE CLUB....

Park City Utah

REFERENCE: PARK CITY RECEIPT & DISBURSEMENT BOOK(from 1924 to 1936)

L.J. HERNON, issued Soft Drink Parlor license on 2-28-1927.

Issued for the following years:...1928...1929.....1930...1931...1932...
1933....1934...1935....1936.

REFERENCE: Park City Municipal Water works(Bill & Collection register)

MC EWAN & BIRCUMSHAW, 455 Main Street listed as owner in 1919-1920, with L.J.Hernon listed as the tenant.

MC EWAN & BIRCUMSHAW, listed as owners for 1921-1922, but Louis Dunn listed as the tenant. Mc Ewan & Bircumshaw listed as owners for 1923, with Louis Dunn as tenant for 1923.

Louis Dunn listed as owner in 1925, and THE CLUB, listed as tenant.

Louis Dunn listed as owner for 1927, and Louis Dunn % The Club listed as Tenant.

Louis Dunn listed as owner for 1928, and The Club listed as tenant.

Louis Dunn listed as owner for 1931-1932, and THE CLUB, listed as tenant.

Louis Dunn listed as owner for 1933-34, and THE CLUB listed as tenant.

Louis Dunn listed as owner for 1935-36, and THE CLUB, listed as tenant.

Louis Dunn listed as owner for 1937, with THE CLUB, % E.J. HERNON, as tenant.
(and 1938)

L.J. HERNON, listed as owner for 1939-1940, with the CLUB, as tenant.

L.J. HERNON, listed as owner for 1941-42, with L.J. HERNON, % THE CLUB, as tenant.

SUMMARY: In files under MC EWAN & BIRCUMSHAW, % "THE CLUB", records will show they operated a saloon in this same building, until 1918. Prior to this time, Mc Ewan & Victor Youngberg, operated the Club Saloon up to the year of 1909.

SPECIAL NOTE: Tokens bearing the name of THE CLUB, had been used by L.J.Hernon up, until the early 1930's. Their specific use was for the gambling tables. They were holed for hanging. I have no idea if Mc Ewan and Bircumshaw made use of this particular set of gambling tokens, but feel certain with the many years they had been in business, they used them.

THE GAMBLING TOKENS OF PARK CITY, UTAH

By Joe J. Davich, METCA #226

A history book written about the once-famous silver-producing mines of Park City, Utah would make highly interesting reading indeed. Mining journals and old files record the wealth brought to the surface by the many mines in operation all at one time, the stories of the twenty four millionaires who left Park City, stories of the many ethnic groups that lived there, stories of the early merchants and the tokens that they used.

Park City, Utah was located some thirty miles east of Salt Lake City. At one time at least thirty saloons flourished on the Main Street of Park City, not to mention the various gambling houses which also enjoyed good business. Prohibition came to Utah, however, earlier than many other states, in August, 1917. Many saloon and gambling houses closed their doors forever and those that remained in business came to be known as pool halls, billiard halls and soft drink parlors.

I have many tokens in my large Park City collection and each token has a history of its own. The set of so-called 'gambling tokens' of 'The Club' is most unique. In the early saloons and gambling halls of Park City, the medium of exchange for gambling was gold and silver. For his everyday business, the merchant made use of the 2½¢, 5¢, 6¼¢, 10¢ and 12½¢ tokens and in some places the 25¢ piece. In the early 1920's 'The Club' was issued a Merchant's license and also a Soft Drink Parlor license. The management had gambling tables but couldn't afford to accept good U.S. currency while the games were in progress, as a heavy fine and possible jail sentence would ensue in case the local authorities made a raid. So the management ordered from the stamping company the following set of tokens to be used at the gambling tables: The 25¢, 50¢, \$1.00, \$5.00 and \$10.00. The 25¢ token was of white metal while the balance of the set was struck in brass.



OBV: THE/ CLUB



GOOD FOR/ \$10.00 /
IN TRADE



GOOD FOR/ \$1.00 /
IN TRADE

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GAMBLING TOKENS (CONTINUED)



Each token carried the name, 'The Club' on the obverse while on the reverse was written the exact valuation. If one wanted to participate in a particular game of chance, he would give the dealer U.S. money which was immediately placed in a locked drawer at the table. The customer then received tokens in exchange, and at no time could he make a bet or play with U.S. money. No credit was extended while gambling, this being the house rules. After the games were closed for the evening, the dealer would inventory all the tokens, then place them in a special cabinet or safe. Each token had a 2 mm hole drilled through, as each token was hung on a special metal peg for safe storage and complete inventory at all times. The tokens of 'The Club' could be taken to one of the local banks, and the banker or teller issued U.S. money for that particular token or for whatever the full amount might be. The management had a firm agreement at the banks to issue cash for any of its tokens. During the week when the manager did his banking, he paid the bank for any of his tokens either with check or U.S. money. A most unusual arrangement, but this practice was carried on for quite some time and it was known as a 'gentleman's agreement.'

The year 1929 came with the great stock market crash and the depression years followed. The time came when gambling ceased and the unique tokens had served their purpose. Several bags of tokens were placed in a storage room and left untouched until the coming of World War II and the important scrap drives. The owner, being a patriotic citizen, donated the bags of tokens to this worthy cause. As luck would have it, some of the tokens remained stored in a cigar box and while interviewing the owner some years ago, I was able to acquire for my collection what few tokens remained of the original order.

The owner of 'The Club' was a highly-respected business man and citizen of the community and operated the same business until a couple of years ago, at which time he was called to his eternal reward, passing the age of eighty some years. Today this same building stands erect, its doors closed at the present time. It was built around the turn of the century shortly after the huge fire of Park City, in 1898, which destroyed about 75% of the mining camp. If the walls of 'The Club' could make but a whisper, what history they could reveal. Space does not permit further history on this building which from the year of 1904 was known as a saloon but this story comes to a close on the unique gambling tokens of Park City, Utah.

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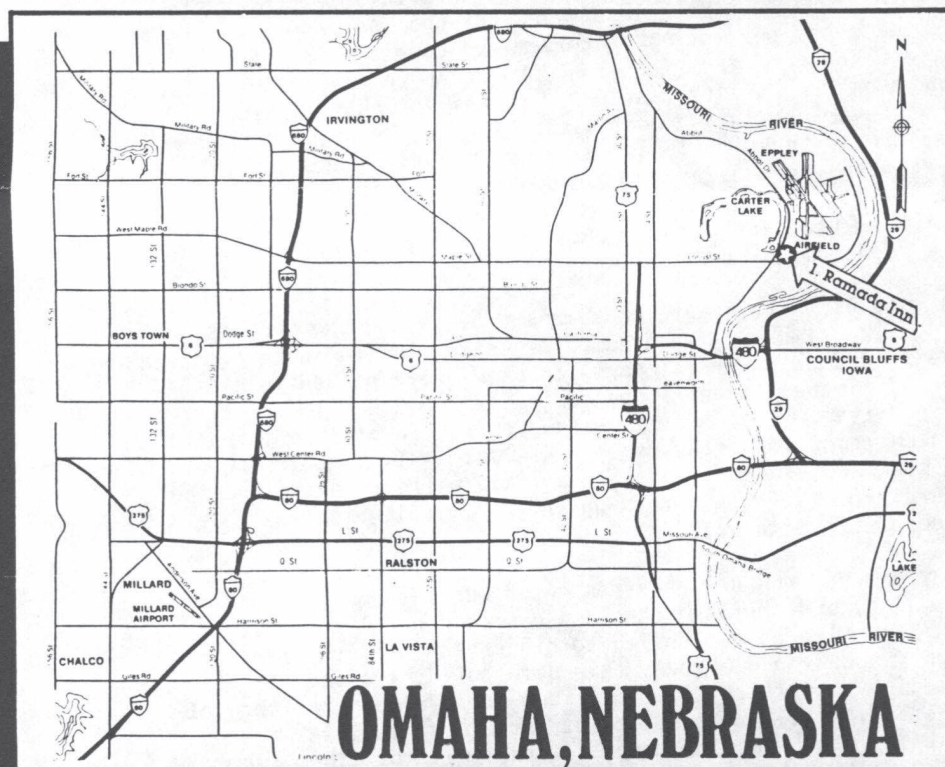
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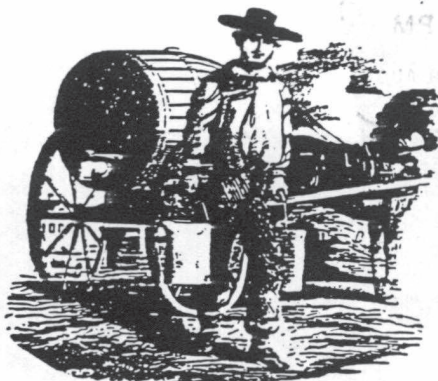
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